

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT APPLICATION EXAMINING OPERATIONS**

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Applicant	: Sachin G. Deshpande & Renjit Tom Thomas	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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April 16, 2007

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to a Decision on Appeal dated February 16, 2007 and is filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination.

Amendments to the specification are described on page 2 of this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.